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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 4030

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LE, KU
SUBJECT: KUWAIT FONMIN'S COMMENTS ON LEBANESE SITUATION

REF: KUWAIT 3861

1. DURING MEETING JULY 20 WITH FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD IN WHICH SEVERAL SUBJECTS WERE COVERED, I INQUIRED ABOUT THE CONTENT AND ANY RESULTS OF THE RECENT VISIT TO KUWAIT BY LEBANESE FONMIN FUAD BUTROS (JULY 10-11).
SABAH AL-AHMAD STATED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS CENTED AROUND HOW TO SOLVE THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN LEBANON. HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE JULY 19 INDICATING THAT AN AGREEMENT APPARENTLY HAD BEEN REACHED CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE CAIRO ACCORD IN LEBANON. HE WAS VAGUE AS TO THE DETAILS BUT NOTED THAT IT PROVIDED FOR AN AREA IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WHERE THE PALESTINIANS COULD REMAIN UNDISTURBED, PRESUMABLY THE ARQUB, BUT AT SOME DISTANCE FROM THE ISRAELI BORDER. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO
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REACHED WITH RESPECT TO THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION IN BEIRUT.

2. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER THE QUADRAPARTITE COMMITTEE CONTINUED TO FUNCTION, THE FONMIN REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. HE SAID THAT IT WAS FINISHED BUT, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BUTROS AND IN BEIRUT, KUWAIT HAD INDICATED IT WOULD NOT

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OBJECT TO ITS REVIVAL PROVIDING THIS WAS REQUESTED BY THE
ARAB LEAGUE. KUWAIT'S IDEA WAS THAT, IF THE ARAB LEAGUE
ASKED THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO RESUME THEIR ACTIVITIES
IN THIS FRAMEWORK, PRESIDENT SARKIS COULD REQUEST
THE QUADRIPARTITE COMMITTEE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER RATHER
THAN THE AMBASSADOR LEVEL. SABAH AL-AHMAD FELT THAT FOUR
FOREIGN MINISTER IN CONSULTATION WITH SARKIS COULD ACCOMPLISH
MUCH MORE THAN THE AMBASSADORIAL-LEVEL GROUP. THIS ARRANGE-
MENT WOULD, IN EFFECT, SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SO-CALLED
MINI-SUMMIT.

3. THE FONMIN INDICATED THAT BUTROS, IN A MEETING
WITH THE KUWAITI DEFENSE MINISTER,HAD SOUGHT ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING
ARMS TO THE NEW LEBANESE ARMY. SABAH AL-AHMAD EXPLAINED
THAT KUWAIT WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE SOME POLICE
EQUIPMENT AND VEHCILES, SUCH AS JEEPS, ETC., BUT THAT
LEBANESE ALREADY HAD TOO MANY GUNS AS IT WAS AND WOULD NOT
NEED THOSE FROM KUWAIT. IN ANY EVENT, SABAH AL-AHMAD SAID
THAT IT WAS A LONGSTANDING TRADITION OF KUWAIT'S NOT
TO PROVIDE ARMS TO ANY COUNTRY AND GOK WOULD FIND IT
DIFFICULT TO DO THIS EVEN IN THE CASE OF LEBANON, EXCEPT
FOR THE FOREMENTIONED POLICE EQUIPMENT. HE HAD UNDER-
STOOD FROM BUTROS THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
THE U.S., HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE
INDICATED THAT THE GOK WOULD BE QUITE HAPPY IF THE U.S.
WERE TO DO THIS.
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